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Happy New Year Everyone!

Here's the first Adult Services Report of 2022. Enjoy 😊

1. Current Programs - Book Club/Senior Center/Tech Help

All of CPL's current adult programs are running as expected. Book club numbers have been steady at 2 attendees each meeting, excepting the first meeting which had 3 attendees. Our visits to the senior center have been wonderful, though they were closed the last two weeks of December due to the holidays and the first week of January due to Covid. On average for the Senior Center we've helped about five people a week with circulation issues, and three people a week with reference issues. In the 10 active weeks of the program, we've also helped 5 people obtain library cards. Tech help appears to have slowed down with our scheduled appointments, though I still help various people per week as walk-ins. I've also had a couple of people who have made appointments outside of the designated time-slot, which I'm more than willing to accommodate as time permits.

2. New Program Idea - Guitar Program

I thought this month I'd do something a little different and share a budding program idea I've been toying with. "Playing" shamelessly off of Sebastian's Ukulele club, I've been conceptualizing a guitar instructional program. I've been examining a similar program offered at the Framingham Library in Massachusetts, where they had a six-lesson video instructional program (complete with lesson plans) that has promise. I've been looking at adapting these lessons to my own playing-style and skill level, for use at our library. This would all be dependent upon the potential success of the Ukulele club at Palenville, as well as other details we would need to address. I also have adaptations ready if we decide to switch to virtual programming at any point.

3. Nursing Home follow-up

In one of my various attempts at community outreach, I sent an email to the Nursing Homes in town. Someone from the Eliot has kindly responded to one of my outreach emails. I had a very nice conversation with Michele Shakley at the end of December, and discussed the feasibility of expanding our Senior Center "Check it Out" program to include the Eliot. I explained to her what we're currently doing at the Senior Center, and asked her if she was amenable to the idea of conducting a similar program at the Eliot. She was very open to the idea. I told her that I would get back to her in the new year and after administrative approval, planning and implementation discussions have occurred. More discussions with *The Eliot* to follow.

4. Craft - This month and next

Brighten up your life! This month's adult craft at Catskill are paper luminaries, and so far we've had 8 registrants for 9 pick-up kits (as of 1/11/22). Using a thumb-tack and stencil patterns, patrons can create a paper luminary with intricate designs. With the supplied battery powered tea light, patrons can brighten up the room with their creative creations. Next month's craft is a paper flower arrangement just in time for Valentine's Day, and the test craft I constructed worked well with available materials. Through the use of colored construction paper, patrons will be able to create a paper flower arrangement. We'll have a kit ready for patrons to create four "flowers" in a variety of colors, more specifics to follow.

5. Movie Night

You only live once...or was it twice? Another movie night at CPL. Last month we had 2 attendees for *Nomadland*. Come join us on Friday, January 28th at 6:00pm for our next movie showing of **No Time to Die**, starring Daniel Craig as 007 James Bond. Bring your own martini (but seriously don't, no outside food or drinks) and have a blast!